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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSION 156 FIFTY AVE :

=NYK=

IN TODAY FROM FISHING PACKING UP TO GO HOONAH EXPECT  
LEAVE HERE WEDNESDAY STOP CALLED IN AT HOONAH THERE IS  
NO HOUSE TO STAY IN STOP HUT THAT WAS PUT UP FOR LIVING  
QUARTERS USED BY COOK WHO HOWEVER IS MOVING STOP PULPIT  
COMMENTARY STILL DUE=

GEORGE R BETTS..

*Copy of this  
mailed to J & J  
8/28/45  
ew.*

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



Miss Gertrude Vint

Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

September 4, 1945

The Rev. George R. Betts, missionary in Alaska Presbytery

Will you please send The Rev. George R. Betts' September salary check to him at Hoonah, Alaska? He has been transferred from Petersburg to Hoonah.

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NIGHT LETTER

September 4, 1945

The Rev. George Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

BOOTH HAS PETITIONED HOONAH COUNCIL FOR NEW GOVERNMENT  
HOUSE FOR YOU. MEANWHILE USE HOUSE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.  
REPORT SITUATION AND FURNITURE NEEDS.

J. EARL JACKMAN

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



September 14, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

We are sorry that developments have not come in Hoonah as we had hoped when you would get settled there having your ministry. We did not know that it would be necessary for a native to put in an application for a house for you. We asked Mr. Booth to do that and he followed directions but, of course, his application was not final.

We hope that it will be possible for you to get one of the houses and we will be responsible for the rent on it until such time when we may be able to have our own house on our own property.

Sorry to hear that the construction on the Church has not begun as yet. That holds up all arrangements along the way but, of course, we know that you have the right to use the Quonset hut for your services.

Mr. Booth wrote us about your need for a stove, bed, and floor covering. We authorized him to purchase these things with the idea of getting such equipment that you can use in the house when it is finished and you can move into it. Meanwhile, we hope you will be comfortable in the Yakutat hut and will be able to get into a house before the weather gets too cold.

We trust that the fishing season will be better around Hoonah than in some of the other places in southeastern Alaska. We are rather depending upon this so that the people of Hoonah will raise considerable money to supplement the funds available from the Board for the new Church. The extent of the work on the Church depends upon how much the people themselves are able to raise. We know that they will want to do as much as possible so that their Church will be as nearly complete as possible.

I am writing Elder Grant about this matter asking him to gather the officers of the Church together with you and do everything possible to raise the money. It should be at least \$2000, and we hope it may be as much as \$4000.

You will be interested to know that we have insured the building in construction through Mr. Foss in Juneau. As far as we can tell all neo-



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The Rev. George Betts

September 14, 1945

essary arrangements are made and we are now waiting and hoping that the people of Hoonah will have their Church as early as possible. Dr. Cleo, the Pastor of the Church which is making the new Church available, wants to come up for the dedication service when that time comes.

We trust that you are getting settled and gathering the people together. So little was done last year that you will have a big job but we know you are capable of doing it.

Kindest regards to you and Mrs. Betts!

Cordially yours,

JEJ:WK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska



September 19, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

We hope that by this time that your application is in for the use of one of the houses and that you have been assured you may have it. As we wrote you before, the Board will underwrite the expense of the rent.

We are asking our Treasury Department for a check for \$35. to cover the cost of your moving. Inasmuch as you moved at our suggestion, we ought to pay the expense.

You may have our permission to work for one month for the contractor providing, of course, you will keep your services going as you promised to do. We realize your difficult financial situation and this privilege may help you work out of it.

Thanks for your suggestions for the summer program. We shall bring them all together and try to do something before another summer.

We are entering our order for 100 copies of Vesper Chimes, 24 Bibles for use in the Sunday School, one Minute Book for the Session, and one Congregational Register in which you will record the members, the baptisms, deaths, and so forth. You will have to begin all over again building up new records for the Church. We know that you will be conscientious about this and will do a good job.

Twice you have mentioned a communion set and have not received any. We have been trying to get communion sets but find they are not available and will not be for several months. We would like to have a good set and will get it when possible. It may be six months at least before it can be secured.

Sorry that you have not yet received the two boxes containing the Pulpit Commentary. We have inquired again from Mr. Howell about these. He reports that they are still involved in the settlement of the business for the shipping concern which was to forward them to you. We shall give him your Hoonah address and ask him to forward them as soon as they can be released.

We deliberately withheld the order on the Analytical Bible until you



September 19, 1945

would get settled in Hoonah. We shall now try to secure it for you and forward it to your new address.

We concluded from your former report that construction had not begun on the Church. From this report we delayed some matters of payments and insurance which should have proceeded. We hope we have not damaged the progress any but will try to pick it up now that Mr. Booth has written us. an send us some pictures showing the frame work of the building going up.

Mr. Booth has reported the purchase of some furniture for you but has not send us the bill as yet. You will need more furniture probably than he secured. We would suggest that you arrange to get this from Sears, Roebuck ordering substantial, moderate priced furniture for your needs. We shall have to help in this expense.

I have written to both you and Elder Grant about raising some money from the people for the new Church. We trust that this is going forward. We shall not ask the Hoonah people this year to pay anything toward your salary because we expect them to raise a considerable amount for the building. After this has been cleared, we shall then ask them to raise a part of your salary.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK



September 21, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

My dear Mr. Betts:

We are enclosing our Board's check for \$35.-  
the amount of your moving expense from Petersburg  
to Hoonah and to which Dr. Jackman referred to in  
his letter of September 19th.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

FK

Enc. Ck. #27018-\$35.-



SEP 26 1945

Hoonah, Alaska  
Sept., 1945

*Alaska Ph*

*recd 9/21/45  
via Hoonah*

Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Thank you for your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. I am just now moving ashore from the boat, no doubt Mr. Booth, told you about the time we had trying to get the family out of the Yakutat hut, however, it is no use to get into a big fuss over a little thing like that, it is best to start off on the right foot, the family will not move out, and the man is one of the key men on the job so it was a good idea to leave things as is, so I am moving into a small house that belongs to the town the town is asking \$5 a month for it. Now this was no fault of the construction Co., as they too tried and asked the man to move out. Mr. Booth, had me to stay in Juneau, he thought by doing so the man would move out, but, it did not work.

The Quonset hut was turned over to the Construction Co., for a ~~recreation~~ recreation room. When in Juneau we mentioned using the hut for services, the company did not know anything about it. It is locked, but the foreman here told me that I could use the hut for services, so I will get things straightened out soon. It was the town that turned the hut over to the Co.

Most of our people are not here, they do not have a place to stay in so some are out using the cannery homes to live in. Elder Grant is not living here. However he will be moving in just as soon as the houses are turned over to the people. I think that will be sometime in November. There is only one Elder here and he just moved into town two days ago.

Yes, there is so much to do, I know now what Sam Johnson had to put up with. I sure thank Mr. Booth for all he did in trying to get a place for me to stay in, I don't know how long we will have to stay in this building as the town is planning to take it down I think it will be done as soon as the town is complete, then if we are unable to get one of the new houses we just have to move into the Yakutat hut, by that time the family will be moving out, I think we will be able to get one of the new homes. We lived on the boat about two weeks, and talk about rain during the two weeks however, I enjoyed the boat life with the Mrs. and some friends that stayed on the boat with us. All our things were soaked. Sure glad to be ashore now.

Our Church building is coming fine the walls are up now, but the work is delayed owing to the shortage of material. The boat will be in tonight with some material, so by Monday the work will start again



9/19/45  
- Dr. J. wrote me ordering  
the things -

In my last letter I mentioned that I wanted a set of glasses for our communion. I will ask again for two sets, we need the sets. You may hold out of my salary the amount the set cost I would like also a session book. I will be asking for these two things as long as I do not get them so if you do not want to hear it again please get them. I am still looking for the Bible that was to be shipped here. Have you heard any more about the Pulpit Commantries that was to be shipped to me?

I will get things started right away, and see how things stands I will put the matter of helping with building of our Church just as soon as the rest of our members are in. You see I fish around here, and it was this district that had the poor year However, the Lord will provide, I know that you are all praying for us.

I am glad to hear that Dr. Clee wants to come up for the dedication service, we sure would like to see him come. When do you plan of dedicating the Church?

Well, the mail boat is about due so I will have to close

May God bless you in your great work for Him.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Betts



OCT 17 1945

Hoonah, Alaska  
Oct. 8, 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Thank you for your nice letter and the check of \$35 to cover my moving expenses.

As for putting in an application for one of the new houses. There has been no application for any house put in yet, the people here are waiting for the completing of the houses, which will be a long time yet. I think it will be about two months. If there is any extra house I am sure we will have a chance to rent one, but there are a lot of families that will be putting in applications, so we will worry about that later.

I want to thank you for giving me permission to work for a month, however, there is so much to do getting a place to stay and getting our work started that I have no time to do any work out side of my Church work. Please pardon me for mentioning the Communion set again for the third time in my last letter. I understand now how things are

I am sure glad that you have ordered some hymn books, I borrowed 25 hymn books from Rev Proudly. I already got the Bibles.

I am sorry that owing to my letter that payment on insurance was delayed, hope by now it was straightened out, for it is hard telling what happens, one of our younger couple lost a nice home by fire the other day, so it is nice to be on the safe side. However, there hasn't been much done on the building for three weeks, they ran out of some important material, which they expect on a boat sometime this week. I sure wish it comes so I can get things started. The hall here is used for moving picture show, I tried Sundayschool in the building the kids got in to the machines so, I just can't use the building for our children. I am sure just as soon as the material comes the work on the Church will go right along.

I told you in my last letter that just about all of our members are out of town. Elder Grant was in for a day, but he was called to Juneau, as his nephew is missing, the people saw him last very drunk, ~~and~~ most likely he walked off the dock. I don't know when he will be in again. I am unable to do a lot of things until after the Elders and members come in, which will be soon I hope. Some of the fishermen will be going out Fall fishing.



A meeting of Presbytery is called to met at Sitka, and I am expecting in the SJS 11 in to night to pick. I am looking forward to the classes to be held there at Sitka also.

Well, I will see what we can do about raising some money towards our new Church, I am sure if the people here are able they will do what and all they are able to do.

Sincerely yours

*George R. Betts*



Hoonah, Alaska  
Nov. 30, 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York 10 N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

It has been a long time since I wrote. Things are going rather slow, and it sure is taking a long time to get things started. I have been trying to make out a list of the membership of the church but no one seems to know anything about it.

I sure was so glad that I was able to attend the Adult school at Sitka. I must say that it is one great move. I well know that we men got a lot out of it. And it was a great privilege to have met and have Dr. Dale Welch, as our teacher, he is indeed a great teacher and a great Christian. I am glad that you made arrangements for him to come.

I attended the Convention of the Alaska Brotherhood held at Angoon the first part of the month a lot of our Native problems were taken over. I met a lot of our men there.

I went to work on the Church building after returning from the Adult School. Going down to see how the work was going on one morning, the boys told me that a lot of the men did not show up that morning, after talking the matter over with him I made arrangements with him about working on the job. I was not to get any pay, but would fill in on one man's place. The weather is sure bad it rained and rained, that delayed the work a lot, it turned cold later and froze up just about everything. The shingles are just a mass of ice. It is hard for the shingle layer to shingle with bundles frozen. So now I am helping him thawing out the shingles. I carry in enough shingles for the coming day, it is snowing and freezing every day now. The shingles will be all on by Monday, if the weather was right it could have been all on last Wednesday. I do not know if I done the right thing, however, most of the men left the job. I will tell you more about the job when I met you in the Spring.

I met all the Elders of the Church for the first time on Thanksgiving day, for they came in for the Day,

I think Mr. Jackman, I should give you a real picture of Hoonah, I am sorry to say that our people here are about 50 years back. The old feasts are still kept in honor of the dead. I always knew that such was the case that is why I wanted to come but, Jackman it is a job too big for me, but thank God that there is nothing too big for Him



I just have to go slow and prayfully and I need your prayer and the prayers of my Christian friends

When the town burned all the people gathered and said that the old way of living will be done away with, the old tribble grounds were polled in to make way for the new, but one of the men made up his mind to rebuild a tribble house so he goes and asks one of the men (Jimmy Johnny) that got a deed from our Board if he could build a tribble house on his ground, his permission was granted. I heard about it just before leaving for the Adult School. Somehow I did not bring up the matter at the meeting of Presbytery, however, I brought up the matter at Sitka, Dr. Dale Welch, told the Adult School that there was not a thing one could do about it, for Jimmy Johnny got a deed from the Board and that was the end of it. So this is a start back to the old way of living. To our people all this comes before Christ. So I am doing all I can to get our Church so we can get a program on the way, for there is so much to do and no place to do it in. The hut that we are using for services is so cold and the whole town is using it. I would sweep it all out late Saturday evening and have it all cleaned for Sunday, some of the people would start a dance there about a midnite, and when I would come down Sunday morning the place would be all dirty, all the wood burned up and then I just have to clean up and get more wood Sunday Mornings. I sure do not see how the people stays for the services, for the wind goes right through, I just abot freez. I hope and pray that there will be a great change after we have our place of Worship.

The pisture is not all bad, we have started a choir, and we are having the young people meeting now.

One young woman could not sleep two nights ago so she got up and wanted us to pray for her. after praying with her she went back a happy young woman, she had found the Christ. Another young woman came and asked Mrs Betts to pray with her she had also found the Christ, she joined the Church last Sunday. We had our first Communion last Sunday inclosed is the offering, we are sending same to the Board of National Missions.

Thanks very much for the Bible. What is the cost of it? What would a bell for our Church cost? We need one, we also need an organ or a piano, some song books. We got the Bibles

Sincerely yours

George R. Betts

*Received Bible with \$16.95*

*Received from Bible \$16.95*



December 13, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Thank you for your report forms and the letter describing the situation at Hoonah. You certainly have some discouraging things ahead of you and yet we know you will call upon the Lord for His help to guide you and give you strength to do the things which He wants done in your community.

It certainly was fine of you to go and help on the Church building to get it completed in the shortest possible time. We know how anxious you are to get into the building and have your services there where you can control the use of the property for Church purposes. We hope it will be possible for you to have your Christmas service in the building.

What are you going to do for chairs and benches in the Church? We have been trying to get some word from you and from Mr. Booth concerning the possibility of securing pews, chairs, or benches for the services. We are now investigating the possibility of getting about 100 folding chairs to send up so that you can use them in the sanctuary until the time that we might hope to get pews installed. At that time, we can use them for Sunday school purposes and in the basement of the building. Is there any possibility of getting a piano up there or do we need to order one from the States? You will have to have a musical instrument in the Church. What about pulpit furniture and a pulpit Bible? We understand that the pulpit itself is a part of the contract for the Church and that will be available to you. You have some small Bibles and the hymn books. We are still trying to get you the communion service. We must make a list of these needs as soon as possible and see what we can do toward providing them. We would like to hear more from you on this.

Mr. Booth has told us that you have moved into the Yakutat hut behind the Church building in the interests of economy. We appreciate your fine sacrificial spirit but believe you should not plan to live there very long. As soon as the new homes are available you ought to get one of them. We



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will be willing to pay the rent for the use of the home. We want you to be comfortable so you can give your best attention and energy to the work of the congregation and community. We ought to be thinking, too, of some kind of a desk for you in your study where you will do your reading and preparation for sermons. Tell us something about your needs in that line too.

We may not have money immediately for all these things but we shall do our best for you.

We are glad to know that you received the Analytical Bible. The retail price of it was \$16.95 and we were able to get a discount of \$4.23 making the net cost \$12.72. We have made arrangements to deduct this from your regular salary check in the amount of \$4.24 each month for three months.

In looking over your letter again, I notice that you do raise the question about a bell, an organ or piano, and some song books. We have ordered 100 copies of Vesper Chimes for you but they were out of print when we ordered them. We do not know yet how soon we can get them. We shall investigate this again and see what the possibility is now. If we cannot get them for a few months we had better arrange for something smaller which will carry you over until you can get better equipment.

Do as much work as you can among your people gathering them together for Bible study and prayer and the preaching services. Develop as many activities for groups as possible to keep them going forward in the interest and activity of the Church. Let us continue together in earnest prayer that the Spirit of God may come into the hearts of your people at Moonah so that the whole village will turn to the Church for spiritual help in the direction of their lives.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated but not signed  
by Dr. Jackman



DEC 27 1945

Hoonah, Alaska  
Dec.17,1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman D.D.  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
156 Fifth Ave,  
New York 10 N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Thank you for your letter of Dec.13th, which I got this afternoon, yes, it is rather discouraging to see your own people going back to the old ways, but things will change, Prayer changes

It is pretty cold here, we had a good run out for the evening service but it was sure cold in the hut, we just about froze, yet we had a good fire in the two stoves, we now have two stoves in the hut, yet it is pretty cold.

All the men that were working for the Alaska Construction Co. left here for the holidays some will return for there is still some work to be done here yet. ~~There has been~~ Nothing has been done to the basement yet. The upper part is just about completed, the floor has been sanded and seasoned with oil, we were in hopes that we could have our Christmas service in it, but I got a wire from Booth telling me not to have any service in the building until instructed from him or Mr Foss, Booth is planning to be out here some time this week. However, the furnace is not ready yet, it is not acting just right, so it is just as well we wait until everything is in good working order.

As for the pews, Mr. Peterson, of The Alaska Construction Co. was here last week, Mr Peterson told me that they have written to the States asking about prices on pews, I sure do not know what he mean't by it. I thought it was in the contract but, since I got your letter I know better, however Booth may know. I will mention it to him when he comes out. The Alaska Native Brother Hood ordered some chairs, the chairs came after the fire, the members told me that we could use the chairs in our Church until they build a hall, there are 60 chairs. Yes we sure can use the one hundred chairs if you could get them.

There is a piano in Juneau for sale the music store wants two hundred dollars for it, the elders tells me that we could raise the money for it, so I wrote Mr. Booth to drop in and look it over for us, I have not heard from him yet.



A lot has happened since I started this letter, here it is the 21st., Of Dec. Some people called on me and I just had to attend to them. I have been so busy since. Yesterday as I sat down to finish this letter I looked out of the window and saw a house on fire I rushed out and helped fight the fire when we got the best of the fire we found to small children burned to death, two nice little girls the smallest 18 months old and the older three years, two little sisters, this sure was a hard shock to the whole town. I will be conducting a funeral service for the children in an hour.

I take advantage of all gatherings, when ever I am called upon to speak I preach a sermon. The children that were burned to death were taken to the tribble house I told you about in my last letter, so I went down about ten O'clock last evening there were a lot of mourners there a house full, so I got our choir down and started a service there. Thank God three came forward and took a new stand for the Master, the three were young people and I know they mean't it. Last week I done the something one young man past away, so I went down and asked permission if I could hold a service there I got the permission of the owner of the house, while I was still conducting the service one old lady got up and told the people that she thought that there was already enough of the service and that they should now be given a chance to conduct the rest of the evening in the old Indian way, she gave her talk but, the rest of the evening was spend in prayer.

Mr. Booth has not yet been out. How I wish we could start having services in our new Church. Here it stands already yet not used, but I will try and be patient. I also had a young peoples meeting last night at the manse we had 22 young people there the manse was rather small for the purpose. The young people were so intrested. The Gospel is sure needed here and needed bad. Some times I just about lose my temper but I think it will do more harm. However, I told some of the people that the ground that the Board owned here was not intended to build tribble houses on, the ministers that served here saw to it that Christian men and families were given grounds to those that had given up the old way of living. Now it is up to the men that got deeds to show their respect for their pledge. I wish that I could tell you more about what goes on, I do not know if you are intrested but so it stands. I told you that the man was going to dedicate the tribble house, yes, he did. The dedication lasted from 4 P:M untill 10 A:M It lasted 30 hours, sing and dancing and right on grounds deeded by our Board.

I had to buy a wood stove, the stove is a small one I will have to pay 29.50 for the stove and 3.50 for stove pipes. I just had to get the stove as it is very cold and that was the only way we could get warm. I am will to pay for the stove but would apperciate if the Board could help me with the rent of the house I stayed in. I stayed in the house three months and payed \$5 a month for it. The house belonged to the town I will let you know more about things later, such as bell, desk, and other things that I will be needing.

Sincerely yours,

*George B. Betts*

*P.S. The stove is a Cook stove a small range*



January 4, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Thank you for your long letter of December 17th which gives us more information about the developments in the Church. We hope that by this time you are in it and having services as best you can without the necessary equipment.

We were glad to get the good news about the use of the sixty chairs which belong to the A.W.B. Also someone has written us that the Sitka Church is giving the Hoonah Church some pews which can be used at least temporarily. We have been trying here to get at least 100 chairs but so far have not been able to find any. They have not been manufacturing any for several years now but we hope in a few months to be able to get some.

We have been concerned about the piano and we hope that you can get the one at Juneau and your people can raise money for it.

We are enclosing checks for the rent of the house in which you lived before moving into the hut on the Church property, and the stove pipes and stove which you purchased for the hut. We feel that all of this is an expense for maintenance which we should provide. We shall ask you to send us receipted bills so we can forward them to our Treasury Department.

We have not yet been able to get a communion set for you because they are not available. Our book store tells us that they hope to get some sets in within a few months and we shall try to get one when we can.

2/27/46 1000 Paper  
Chemo ordered I am not sure that you have any song books. Again, we are waiting for these to be printed and will hope to get them to you soon.

1/1/46  
Hoonah  
I would like to have the personal privilege of presenting the Church with a pulpit Bible. I shall look at these in the book rooms soon and try



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to get one with the name of the Church on the front of it. Would there be any preference among your people whether it should be the King James or the American Standard Version? My preference would be the King James but if there is any different need there let me know.

We are thinking of you and praying that your work will go forward. Here and there you report evidences of real encouragement. Kindest regards to you and your wife!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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FEB 11 1946

Hoonah, Alaska  
Feb. 6, 1946

The Rev. Earl Jackman D.D.  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr Jackman:

I got the checks to pay for the stove and stove pipes and the rent money for which I thank you. Inclose are the bills. I got two elbows for the stove pipes but I miss laid the bills however, the checks covered the bills, there is also a small fee for exchange of outside checks, it is only one half of one present.

I am just getting to know the people, I mean their ways of doing things. One has to learn all these things to know how to go about things. Surely our native people will have to learn to give to the Master's cause. I have learned that the people of Hoonah are alot better of then a lot of our native communities.

Yes, we need song books, the members of the Church are now raising money for a piano, there is one for sale in Juneau, the perty that owns it is asking 275 dollars for it. I think the young people that are raising the money for the electron bell will be willing to turn over their fund to pay on the piano. I want to thank you for the pulpit Bible that you are going to get for our church, it is sure very nice of you.

I sure will be one of those that will be happy when we will be allowed to use the church building to worship in, The Salvation Army has their building nearly finished, they have asked us to use it to Worship in, so, thats were we are having our services, it is cleaner, warmer and a lot better then the big hut.

I am wondering if there is any chance of getting a toilet bowl for our living quarters, there is one there now but it will be taken out and put in our church. We must have one you understand how it is, it won't be a ~~wast~~ waste for if there should be a manse build some day it could be taken out of the hut and put in the manse. I hope that this is not asking to much, I also understand that our Board is not so financially fixed.

I wonder if the Board Treasurer could send me a statement of the money send me durring the year 1945, so I could make out my income tax.

Here is hoping that we will be worshipping in the new Church next month, Please helps us to have the use of the Church.

George R. Betts



FEB 15 1946

Hoonah, Alaska  
Feb. 9, 1946

The Rev. Earl Jackman DD  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Mr. and Mrs. Grant was just in to the study and told me that they want to buy a bell for the new church, in memory of Mrs. Grant's father, they also would like to get a small bronze plate with the name of her father so we could have it on the wall somewhere in the church. Let me know at an early date if a good bell could be gotten and give me the price of bell and the bronze plate. If they are willing to buy a bell on that condition I think we should let them do so. Mrs. Grant's father was the first Elder of this church

The people here has raised \$270 to buy a piano for the church that is including the 130.00 the young people put up for the Electron bell, they have turned it over to the piano fund. so we will be buying a piano, as money is still coming in for the piano.

I spoke about a toilet bowl in my last letter, as there is no pipe running out of the church. I think the bowl will be left in the hut, so you just forget the bowl, if they should take it out I can get one from Sear's Roebuck and Co.,

Please find out about the bell at the earliest date possible, Let us get things while the getting is good.

Sincerely,

George R. Betts



February 28, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Glad to know that you have been able to get the piano. Mr. Booth has written that the piano has been purchased and is now waiting for transportation to Hoonah.

On a recent visit to Seattle I found that the pews are being built there at the present time and we hope that they will be delivered before too long. We have been unable yet to find any folding chairs to send up to you but are still looking for them and possibly in a short time we may find them available.

Go ahead and buy a toilet bowl for the house. If you will tell us how much it will be we will send you a check for it, or you can order it, have it delivered, and then send us the bill. The statement about the payments of the Board to you has been forwarded to you.

We shall inquire about the bell. I think this is fine for Mr. and Mrs. Grant to want to purchase this very necessary article in the equipment of the Church building. We will let you know as early as possible.

Kindest personal regards!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK



ARR 8 1946

Hoonah, Alaska  
March, 4, 1946

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman,  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I closed is a money order for the sum of \$10 handed to me by the Missionary society, money is to go towards our new church here, sometime ago you wrote and told me that you expect to have Hoonah put up \$4000.00 towards our church here. I talked the matter over with the members of the church but we are rather slow in starting, there is so much to fix up after the fire, a lot of things to be replaced in town furniture is being bought for the homes to be turned over to the people anew light plant being bought for the town, the town paid \$10,000.00 for a new light plant, we now have the new light plant working, for the first time in its history Hoonah, has owned its own light plant, each one of us is being asked to help with our money to rebuild, the town is now trying to raise \$4,000 for electric wire to wire the rest of the town, we have been using the Alaska Construction Co.'s light, but since the town got their own lights we were asked to use the town's lights so the town extended their wire to the manoe, the fee is \$13.00 to put their light wire to the manoe.

I am doing all I can to teach our native people to support their church work, I pray in time they will learn, if we do not teach them now they will never learn.

I wish you would be able to let me know when you plan to have the new church dedicated, so we could plan accordingly, The Salvation Army Hall is just about completed, I understand that they would like to have their hall dedicated about the same time as the church. You see some of the people will be leaving to go to the canneries, some of the men startes working in the canneries about the middle of April. The church's Worship room and also Sunday School room is just about ready I think the Women's Missionary Society will be having their World's Day of Prayer in the building Friday.

I am glad that we are able to get the pews. I think I will have to go with my boat and get our piano, I plan to leave here the 11th, of this month for the piano, unless there is a freight boat coming in.

Well, we will be looking for you soon, hope that you will have a god trip up.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. R. Betts.

Grants, Told me if a new bell could be cast he just as well get one cast, be a good idea if you could write and thank him, by doing so it will encourage him I wish there are some more like him.  
S. R. B.



March 8, 1946

10.- M.O.

The Rev. George R. Betts

Hoonah, Alaska

Women's Missionary Society

Hoonah, Alaska

HOONAH S.O.B.-S.I.C. CH/B ACCOUNT - for new Church at Hoonah

Please give receipt to room #711

Unit of Work in Alaska  
per

FK



*George Betts*  
Miss Vint

Unit of Work in Alaska

March 11, 1946

Bills to cover advance made to The Rev. George Betts, Hoonah, Alaska

per vouchers #47604--\$18.98

#47494-- 27.02

Total --\$46.00

12-13-1945 Receipt to George Betts from Mr. Fawcett for house rent.....\$ 8.00

1-26-1946 " " " " " " " " " "..... 7.00

1-17-1946 Paid bill from L.Kane, Hoonah, Alaska for stove and pipes... 32.65

exchange on checks..... .35

\$48.00

Unit of Work in Alaska

per

PK

Att. 3 receipts and bill



noted 2-15-1946:

Cannot send these bills to Treasury as in  
letter of Dec. 17th Mr. Betts said he will  
have to pay \$29.50 for stove and

3.50 for stove pipes  
\$33.00 total

Rent was at \$5.- a month and he was there three  
months or \$15.- was paid for rent. Both these  
items total \$20.- and a check for this amount  
was sent him but we charged \$18.98 to Moonah  
Bldg. Acct. for rental and \$29.02 to Nat'l  
Miss. Bldg. and repair account.

\* \* \* \* \* #47.65 \*

Bills sent total - \$15.- for Rent  
32.65 for stove and stove pipes

\$47.65

We do not have a receipted bill for the difference  
of 2.35 which may have been used for purchase on  
checks.

Verd 2.35 for check



March 12, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Last week the Pulpit Bible for the new Church at Hoonah was sent by Parcel Post to you. I hope it will arrive in good condition and will be the source of spiritual life to the minister and the Church congregation. When I come up next summer I want to write something on the flyleaf indicating the gift to the Church.

We have secured some information in regard to the bell which Mr. Grant would buy. We are enclosing a folder indicating the type of bell and the size of belfry necessary to house it. This folder has with it the specifications necessary for the size of an opening for the bell. The catalog indicates that they do make smaller ones but they do not quote any price for anything under two hundred pounds. This would be in the key of A flat and would cost \$337. complete without freight or installation charge. I think also it would provide for name of the church and name of the donor with a Scripture verse on it.

You should consult with Mr. Grant about this and then send this folder to Mr. Foss and see if the construction will be large enough and heavy enough to carry the weight of the bell. Also you could measure this yourself possibly at the Church building. I shall write to Mr. Grant and thank him for his offer. When you get a decision on this up there let us know and we will proceed to order the bell. We would prefer to have a check for the cost with the assurance that the freight will be paid when it is shipped up. In fact our Board would not approve the order unless this is done.

We had planned to arrange for the dedication sometime in June. That is the best time for Dr. Clee to come up but I realize it would be a bad time so far as the people are concerned. I shall talk with him again and see what we can do. If possible we ought to arrange to have the dedication service along with the rest of the village and the Salvation Army building. When a date is set for this, we will contact Dr. Clee and see if he can go at the same time. Please let me know at your earliest convenience when this date will be.



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The Rev. George R. Betts

March 12, 1946

Glad to know that all these things are shaping up and the time will soon come when you can get your program under way. I want to visit Hoonah again early April but the absence of the Princeton-Hall may make it very difficult.

Kindest personal regards!

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Meneely Bell Co.'s catalog  
with Dimensions Statement.



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April 8, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

My dear Mr. Betts:

In a letter just received from Dr. Jackman written in Metlakatla on April 4th he instructed us to send you the enclosed forms for Eastern and Western Clergy Books to be used in reference to your travelling to the General Assembly in May.

We would suggest that you fill out these forms as completely as possible and return them to our office via airmail. We shall have one of our clergymen sign them and have our Treasury Department put the endorsement of the Railroad agent on the forms. We will then forward these forms to each respective Clergy Bureau with the necessary two dollar fee for each and request them to send the books to you via airmail. In this way we may save as much time as possible in getting the books to you. You may not have a copy of the General Assembly Minutes handy, so in answer to question #5 on each form may we say that your name appears on page #926 of the General Assembly Minutes - Part I.

If, by any chance, Dr. Jackman has instructed you to handle this matter in another manner, please disregard my instructions and follow Dr. Jackman's. Not knowing what has happened in Alaska along this line, we want to be as helpful as possible in every way.

Please be sure to fill these forms out in ink and sign your name likewise.

We are glad to learn that you are coming down to the States in May and certainly hope we have an opportunity to meet you personally. This is always a pleasure and a privilege.

Cordially yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
FK  
Enc.: 2 Forms - 1 Eastern Clergy and 1 Western Clergy



April 15, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George K. Betts  
Moonah, Alaska

My dear Mr. Betts:

In a letter received from Dr. Jackman last Friday (April 12th), he instructs us to forward you \$200.- as a travel advance to the States and General Assembly. You are to reimburse us when you are paid by the Assembly later.

If by any chance the clergy forms and books are not interchanged in time for your departure on May 7th, it probably will necessitate your paying full fare. Take this matter up with Dr. Jackman when you see him on Easter Sunday morning.

We shall be thinking of you on Easter when your new Church will be dedicated. We are glad Dr. Jackman can be there for this special service, and we trust the day will be a memorable one in many ways.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc. Ck. #58027-\$200.-



*Betts folder*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

April 24, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. E. W. Siddall, Chairman  
Western Clergy Bureau  
Room 210 Union Station  
516 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago 6, Illinois

My dear Mr. Siddall:

The Rev. George R. Betts is a regularly ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and is employed ten months of the year by the Board of National Missions of the same Church as the missionary-pastor of our Church in Hoonah, Alaska. His standing is recorded in the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1945, page #926.

As a member of the Presbytery of Alaska he has been elected a Commissioner to the General Assembly meeting in Atlantic City in May. We are joining with him in a request for a 1946 clergy book to make this trip. Because of the shortness of time and the difficulties of mail service, we are asking that the book be airmailed to him in care of Dr. Mortimer Stocker, American Building, Seattle, Washington who is our Field Representative in the Synod of Washington.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc.: Western Clergy Form



*Betts order*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

April 24, 1946

Eastern Clergy Bureau  
143 Liberty Street  
New York 6, New York

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Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska **Y**

JEJ:FK

Enc.: Eastern Clergy Form  
*W. J. Mackin & Co. - 540 - 42 -*

May 1, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George Betts  
c/o Dr. Mortimer Stocker  
1203 American Bldg.  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear George:

Welcome to the States! We have done everything we can to arrange for your clergy books and have them in Dr. Stocker's office when you arrive. We trust that they are there and will give you material assistance.

You indicated a desire on your part to visit Portland and see a friend of yours. I would suggest that you buy your ticket on the Union Pacific Railroad from Seattle to Chicago. This will give you the privilege of a stop-over in Portland. When you get on the train you simply tell the conductor that you want to stop over in Portland and he will mark it on the back of your ticket. Then you come on to Chicago when you are ready. In Chicago we want you to make a contact with our office in 77 West Washington Street. Miss Rachel Benfer may or may not be there but you ought to make a contact with the office. If they can help you with hotel arrangements they will be glad to do it.

From Chicago I would suggest that you come East by way of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. You can get a Baltimore and Ohio timetable in Seattle before you leave which will give you some idea of the route and the time which is necessary to get to Philadelphia. In fact in Seattle you can buy your ticket over the Baltimore and Ohio from Union Pacific so that you will have your ticket all the way through to Philadelphia. The Baltimore and Ohio will take a little longer time but you will have an extra day or two on the way. This will bring you through Washington D.C. and you can stop over there a day and look around the nation's capitol. The Bingles from Fairbanks and Roy Ahmaogak from Barrow are going to be in Washington D.C. about May 17th or 18th and will come up to Philadelphia the evening of the 18th and be at the Robert Morris Hotel. If you need a hotel there I would suggest this one and you ought to write ahead for a reservation. Let us know if you are going to be there that Sunday and it might be possible for us to have you speak in some Church.



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The Rev. George Betts

May 1, 1946

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Since the Newark Church wants you on the night of May 21st, I would suggest that you come up from Philadelphia to New York either on the 20th or the morning of the 21st and spend the day in New York going over to Newark for the evening service. In fact you could come up the morning of the 20th and spend two days in New York looking around at headquarters and seeing a little bit of the city. I shall not be here to help you get around but Miss Koerner in the office can give you some directions. You should let us know ahead of time if you expect to do this so we can make a hotel reservation for you here. We usually use the Prince George Hotel.

Let us know if there is anything we can do for you at this end. We hope you will have a good trip East.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK



*Belts side*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

May 1, 1946

Dr. Lester H. Clee  
294 Mt. Prospect Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Clee:

We find that the Rev. George Betts is not on the program of the Pre-Assembly Conference until 2:30 in the afternoon of May 22nd. This would allow him to stop over with you on the night of the 21st and catch the morning train arriving in Atlantic City about 1:15. Ordinarily this is a sufficient margin of time for him.

We shall get in touch with Mr. Betts along the way and tell him about this engagement with you for the evening of Tuesday, May 21st. I feel certain you may depend upon it. If anything should happen that he cannot be there, I pledge myself to appear as his substitution.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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MAY 6 1946

Hoonah, Alaska  
May, 1, 1946

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.  
Unite of Work in Alaska  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Inclosed is the report for the month of April, I would sure  
apperciate very much if the May oheck be made out to Mrs. Geo.  
R. Betts, in care of Box 424 Petersburg, Alaska. Mrs. Betts will  
wait for me there and I know that she will run short of  
cash.

*6/1/46  
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about 100  
of money*

George R. Betts



Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

May 8, 1946

Dr. Lester H. Clee  
294 Mt. Prospect Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Clee:

The way has been cleared for you to have George Betts for your Young People on the evening of the 19th. He had been offered to his supporting Church, the Bryn Mawr Church of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and we had to wait for a final report from them before he would be available for the evening. He will be with them in the morning and then come to Newark for Sunday evening. I may have to send you a wire from Philadelphia on Saturday the 18th or Sunday the 19th about his time of arrival but you may plan for him to be present.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

P.S. May we ask you to make arrangements to take care of George Betts on Sunday evening the 19th? He will come over to New York for the 20th and 21st and go back for the evening of the 21st.

May 8, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George H. Betts  
c/o Dr. Mortimer M. Stocker  
2205 American Bldg.  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear George:

In addition to the letter which I have already written you about arrangements which may be developing, we want to make sure that you arrive in Philadelphia on May 18th at the Robert Morris Hotel. A reservation has been made there for you. You are scheduled to speak to the Adult Department of the Bryn Mawr Sunday School Sunday morning the 19th. I will see you at the Robert Morris Hotel Saturday evening and go over all of the plans with you.

On Sunday evening the 19th you are to be with the Young People of the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey. Also on Tuesday evening the 21st you are to speak to a dinner meeting of the congregation of the Second Church which will have 300 to 400 people present. Dr. Clee will keep you over night and put you on the train Wednesday morning so that you will get to Atlantic City at 1:15 in the afternoon. You are scheduled to be on the program of the Pre-Assembly Conference at 2:30 to 3:00 so there will be time enough for you to get from the station to the place of the meeting. Again, I shall go over this with you when I see you in Philadelphia.

This means that you can visit New York on Monday and Tuesday the 20th and 21st. We should make arrangements for a room for you at the Prince George Hotel here on 28th Street in New York City for the evening of the 20th. We will ask Dr. Clee to see that you are taken care of the evening of the 19th.

We hope that you will be able to get in all of the things which you desire to do on the way but whatever you do do not fail to arrive in Philadelphia on May 18th. Your reputation and mine depends upon it.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

P.S. We have asked the Treasury Department to send your May check to Mrs. Betts at Petersburg as you requested.



*Betts*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

Robert Morris Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Please reserve a single room with bath at  
your minimum rate for the Rev. George Betts from  
Koonah, Alaska for Saturday, May 18th. Mr. Betts  
should be coming in the late afternoon and will be  
there over the one night.

Very truly yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

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*Betts 5/14*  
Miss Vint  
Unit of Work in Alaska

June 3, 1946

We are attaching herewith two checks totaling \$300. This amount is to be credited as follows:

- noted on CCD*
- \$200.- Credited to Alaska Miscellaneous SUB-SIC CH/B ACCOUNT for reimbursement of travel advance made to The Rev. George Betts for travel to States from Moonah, Alaska per Voucher #58027
- 40.- Credit Dr. Jackman's Travel Account per travel advance made to Mr. Betts for travelling expenses
- 60.- to be given to our office either in cash or by check made payable to J. Earl Jackman as reimbursement for cash advanced personally by Dr. Jackman to Mr. Betts for travelling expenses.
- \$300.- total of attached checks.
- OK 6/3/46*

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Unit of Work in Alaska  
per

Att.: duplicate memo

check #2100 for \$200. and #2101 for \$100.- drawn on the Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic City, N.J. in favor of J. Earl Jackman, properly endorsed.



June 13, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Welcome to Hoonah after all of your experiences in the States! We hope that you had a good and safe return with a full understanding of all of the things which happened to you during your trip to General Assembly.

We are enclosing the receipts of our Treasury Department for the return on your advance for expenses for General Assembly. Since you were so careful to write me receipts for the funds, we wanted to be careful to send you the official receipts of the Board that all of this was returned.

We understand that you will be off during July and August on your boat. We trust the Lord will bless you and that you will have a good season so you can clear the mortgage. Kindest personal regards to you and Katie.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Receipts #FL7261-\$200.-  
#FL7262-\$ 40.-  
#FL7263-\$ 60.-

P.S. Tell Harry Douglas that I am working on the matter for the property records but have not yet been able to get a complete statement. We have written to the Juneau office asking for the information which they have.

*Handwritten: 6/12/46*  
**JUN 18 1946**

*Handwritten: Hoonah, Alaska*  
**Hoonah, Alaska  
June, 14, 1946**

*Handwritten: Mr. Earl Jackman*  
**The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.  
Unite of Work in Alaska  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York 10, N.Y.**

**Dear Mr. Jackman:**

I feel as I had a big dream and that I just woke up and am still in Alaska, I got back here yesterday morning and found things just about the same, just about all of our people are out to the fishing grounds and the canneries, very few of the people are left here.

The Government appraiser was here to appraise the new homes and appraised the homes at the price of \$3,695 a home. The agreement is that one wanting a home must pay down \$250 on a house and twenty years time to pay for the rest of the amount but three percent must be paid on the amount due until the homes are paid for. There will be no house for rent, houses not wanted will be moved to other towns that needs such.

*Handwritten: 7*  
That is the way things stands. We just can't rent a house for a manse, but one could be bought for the sum of \$3,695.00. However, the Hoonah, people are bidding the sum of \$3,000.00 on the houses they figure the the price asked is too much, they were told that all the houses may yet be moved if they are not willing to pay the price asked.

*Handwritten: 6/15/46*  
The Bibles that I ordered through your office are not yet here, but, the chart on the Lord's prayer is here and I thank you for it.

*Handwritten: 6/16/46*  
Sunday, I will be going over to Exourision Inlet to conduct worship services, that is in the afternoon, I am planning to have the morning Worship here, I hope the people that are down at the cannery will be up for the service. I was down there yesterday and asked them to come up for the morning service.

**Sincerely yours.**

*Handwritten: George R. Betts*



June 27, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Glad to hear that you are back home and ready to start in to work.

Thanks for the report on the houses. We were under the impression that for several years these houses would be rented to various families and later the matter of payment would be worked out. Under the circumstances, I think the best thing for us to do would be to have you buy a house and we would put up the money for it. In this case, it will be a cash transaction.

I would suppose that the Federal Housing authority would not sell a house to the Board of National Missions. This would mean that you would have to purchase the house in your name and the Board would advance the money under a contract with you. We can do nothing on this until September because the Board does not meet again until that time. Meanwhile, I shall try to work out something so that we shall be able to get one of the houses for you. We should not enter the controversy in the village as to the price of the house. That can be settled between the people and the government and we will abide by that decision whatever it is.

For the advances for your travel fund, you gave me receipts. I am returning one of them which is marked paid. The other one which you gave me at Hoonah for the \$200. I do not have at hand but meanwhile you have the official receipt from the Board saying that the Board had been reimbursed for all of the advance.

Hope you have a good summer. The Bibles which you ordered were mailed June 6th. We are still trying to get some chairs for delivery early in September but have not been able to get them yet. No one can quote a price to us because of the changes in prices under the O.P.A.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. April 20th receipt marked Paid by Dr. Jackman

August 12, 1946

AIR MAIL

The Rev. Willis R. Booth  
P. O. Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Sorry to hear that the Hoonah basement has flooded. I do not know the circumstances, but I hope the engineer did not make a mistake on the water level. That would be very bad for everything.

Jack Webster did write about the apartment in your name. That would sound reasonable for a couple who would be away more than at home, but I agree with you we should not consider it.

I think the reason Jack wrote about moving a house from Hoonah to Juneau was that the Government threatened to move all the houses if the people would not accept them at a reasonable price. An agreement has now been reached and no houses will be moved.

We are thinking of asking Geo. Betts to buy one of these houses for a residence for the minister. I have named our property and legal offices if we could supply the cash and take a mortgage as security. We have no report on this yet, but I hope we will be able to get some action in September.

Hope you are having a good summer.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JES/mk

CC: Rev. Paul Prouty

Dictated but not signed by  
Dr. Jackman.



August 12, 1946

AIR MAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

We have heard that an agreement has been reached between the Government and the village about the purchase of the houses for \$3000.00 each. We are wondering if you could buy one of them in your name.

I have consulted with some of our officers about the possibility of having you buy one for a cause, with the understanding that we would furnish you the necessary cash and take a mortgage for the amount of the purchase. So far our staff officers have approved the idea and we want to know from you if it is possible so we can present it to the Board at the September meeting.

You find out if you can buy one of these houses for your use. I'll see if I can arrange our side of it at the office.

Sorry to hear the basement of the church was flooded. I do not know the circumstances, but hope no damage was done.

Hope you are having a good summer.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JES/mk

CC: Rev. Paul Prouty

Dictated but not signed by  
Dr. Jackman.

September 26, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear George:

We have heard from you during the summer only indirectly twice. Mr. Booth wrote us that the basement of the Hoonah Church had been flooded but we had no more information about it and I am not aware of the amount of damage, if any, to the building. We are concerned about this and would like to hear from you in detail about it. Hope your study was not damaged.

I have just had a report from the Meneely Bell Company that the bell has been cast and unless strikes hold them up too much they hope to get it shipped before long. We have written to Mr. Grant telling him about this.

Mr. Booth wired us that the houses were to be allotted on the 20th of September. We had hoped to get our Board to advance the amount of \$3000. for you to purchase one in your name and give the Board a legal document protecting the Board's endorsement in it but they have refused to do this because they will not advance money to purchase property in the name of an individual. Instead of that, they gave me permission to advance \$500. from some special funds for you to make a down payment and buy one of the houses in your name. We will then make a monthly grant of rental which will cover a small repayment of this amount to the Board and your payments to the Federal Housing authority for the house. We shall need a detailed report from you on the cost of this transaction and how much your monthly payments will be. Please give this to us as early as possible. We have wired Mr. Booth that we are forwarding him a check for \$500. to cover this down payment. We take it for granted that if you had to have it on the 20th he would advance it to you from some funds he holds there for the Board.

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]



September 26, 1946

We have not yet been able to get any steel folding chairs for the Church but we think we can get them within a month or two. Unless the shipping strike holds everything up, we are investigating the possibility of their shipment. Meanwhile, tell us whether we should ship these on Alaska Transportation or on what line. Is there some boat from the States that stops at Hoonah? Give us shipping instructions.

We hope you have had a good summer and are ready to settle down to another year of good work in Hoonah. We believe that your experience at General Assembly will be helpful to you in starting a full program of service on Sunday and during the week for all of your people. Set up your program in advance and stick to it for the development of Christian character among your people and a stronger Church.

We remind you and your people that we are hoping the people will raise some more money to help us on the building. This should be done in September or October. We are writing to the Elders of your Church reminding them too of our conference together in which we asked them to pay \$360. during the year on your salary. The limited amount of money given to us for Alaska this year demands that we get at least this much from the Hoonah Church or else we will not have sufficient funds to cover all of our work.

My regards to all of your people and especially to Katie. Tell us when you get back on your field to begin your work.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

October 4, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Mr. Betts:

The enclosed letter is for your information and will be self-explanatory.

We have established your salary at the rate of \$1200. from the Board and \$300.- from the Church totaling \$1500. for a ten months' period of service beginning October 1st.

We will appreciate it if you will send us a list of names and addresses of the officers of the Hoonah Church. We would have sent this letter to others if we had this information in the office. We need it for future reference and use.

We are also enclosing your identification card for this new budget year. After your signature is affixed to it, this card is your "authority" if you are ever asked for it.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

FK

*Enc. Ident. Cd.*



October 4, 1946

The following letter was sent to Mr. James Grant and  
Mr. Kendall Williams.

*regular form  
letter in this space!*

300.-

. The Rev. George R. Betts.

*see book for copy*

P.S. The Rev. Mr. Betts will serve your Church for a ten months' period this year.

We do not have a Repair Estimate Blank for the Hoonah Church so have enclosed one in our letter to Mr. Grant.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO        TREASURY  
FROM     Unit of S. S. Missions  
RE:

DATE     OCT. 9, 1946.

Please deduct the sum of \$10.00 from the November salary of the Rev. George R. Betts, Hoonah, Alaska, and \$8.51 from the December salary check. The total, \$18.51 to be credited to S.S. Missions GRANTS, BOOKS, TRACTS, PERIODICALS ACCOUNT.

This amount is for purchases made by Mr. Betts. Our order # 6651.

Thank you,

*Isabel Ward*



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OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

New York JUNE 26, 1946.

Sold to The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah,  
Alaska.

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October 3, 1946

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The Rev. George R. Betts

Uoomah, Alaska

*Refused*  
~~ELMER SCHIFFS~~ - Unit of Work in Alaska

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Hoonah, Alaska  
Sept. 28, 1946

OCT 3 1946

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

10/3/46

Alaska Pkg.  
Received

Dear Mr. Jackman:

It has been so long since I wrote a letter that I hardly know how to start.

I was in and out of Hoonah, a lot the past summer, at first I made it a point to be here on Sundays but sorry to say no one showed up for services, however, I visited some canneries and carried on the work.

Somehow, the run of fish was late or rather the early run did not come, therefore the canneries were allowed to fish all August and a week in September,

Inclosed is \$50 part of my salary, for I fished some in Sept, and started on the fish here the 11th. Owing to the fact that I was out and making money, I am returning one third of my salary.

A lot of the people are still out, some drying fish and some still at the canneries, the Elders of our church are all out yet, I wish they were in so we could plan things out for the coming year, however just as soon as they come in we will plan things out. This was the poorest year for fishing, there never was a year like this in the past, but we just have to do the best we can.

I made a trip to Juneau to see the Rev Willis R. Booth, about the finishing of the wiring and light in our Church, also about the house, I stayed there until he heard from you.

The houses will be signed out Monday, I have applied for one and am sure that we will be able to get one. I saw Mr. Fisher this morning, he told me that the terms will be, \$450 for the first payment and 25 years to pay the rest at 3%. I do not know what arrangements you will be making other than what you wired Mr. Booth.

What has been done in casting the bell? and will we be able to get the pulpit chairs and Communion table. I just got a Seattle cheque for \$10 from the Rev. Bromley, to go towards the Communion table I will cash it Monday and send a money order on the next mail boat

I noticed that you have not deducted anything for the Bibles and things that I got through your office, please do so at the rate of \$10 a month. I ordered them while there late last Spring

6/26/46  
3rd  
will be 11/10/46  
not until  
quarantine  
11/10/46

see attached for money  
for deduction

I did not go to the Adult Conference, there is so much to do, every-time it rains I get about two inches of water in my study, the drain does not take care of the water. I am digging a ditch and lay a drain pipe to the bank. I think it would be a good plan to build a shed over the steps that leads down to the basement, that is how the water gets in, I am afraid that it will get full of snow and that will sure flood the basement. That was one reason I did not feel like writing, as everything in my study is wet, my type writer was pretty well rusty, but I have things pretty well cleaned up now.

I did not remember of sending in my June report, I think the blanks fell on the floor as there were a lot of paper on the floor floating and moldie, so I am sending you a voucher for the month of June.

Sincerely yours,

*George R. Betts*



*Alaska City*  
OCT 14 1946  
Hoonah, Alaska  
October 10, 1946

*sent to Mr. Jackman*  
The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Greeting from our new Manse, I do not know how to thank you for the interest you took in getting the new Manse, but I can assure you that Mrs Betts and myself thank you for all you have done to make the deal possible, yes I went into Juneau, to see the Rev. Willis R. Booth, and the head of the Alaska Native Service and had some talks with the members of the Town Council, you can be sure that Willis R. Booth worked hard on the deal, in a way I am ashamed of myself, for a little over twenty houses could have been taken. You see at first a lot of the people were not going to take the houses, but, after a few applications came in a lot of Hoonah, people start coming in from different towns with applications, one hundred and twenty-five applications came in and only eighty-five houses. twenty minutes after the Council approved of our application I had our bedstead and blankets in the house I think we were the first ones in the houses. The closest we could get to the Church is the house next to the Salvation Army building. All the houses in front were applied for, and houses on the hill has a steep hill to get stove oil and wood to.

Well, I think the deal is going through the Board of National Missions and not through my name. I would very much appreciate very much if you could let me know if the Board is buying the house out right, you see the Council will not allow anyone to drive a nail or do anything to the house until it is fully paid for, it is a good idea, yet there is no pantry, and one would like to hang a picture on a wall, however we are living in a very comfortable home. I can assure you that we will keep it up and keep it clean.

*sent to Mr. Jackman*  
I am wondering if you got the last letter I wrote, in it I send back part of my Sept. salary, I also asked about putting in a sewer pipe so the water could drain through the steps that leads into the basement. I also told you that a shed over the steps would help to keep the water or rain out, the basement is again flooding. I came down to my study this morning and found that the basement just started to flood, I took a bucket and bailed out the stairway, it is sure pouring down today, just as soon as it stops raining I will put in the sewer pipe, I got thirty feet of sewer pipe from the store also an elbow the pipes are .40 a foot and \$1 for the elbow. I think Booth has enough for the pipes and elbow. If he has enough for a shed over the steps I will put the shed over if he does not have enough I think I can pick up enough lumber to put a shed over. There are some good carpenters here that are members of our Church that can help me. It should be done before the snow comes. If we do not have a shed over the stairway will be full of snow, that will sure flood our basement.



A lot of the Hoonah people are now coming in, I have met a lot of people that I never saw before, however, most of the fishermen are getting ready to go out fishing, that is Fall fishing. I told you in my last letter that the past fishing season was the worst in history around here, most of the fishermen did not make enough to pay for their gas and food.

The Alaska Native service was very nice about seeing to the families getting the houses here ~~owing~~ owing to a poor season most of the families did not have money to make the first payments on the houses, so the Indian service sent one of their men over with \$25,000, that made it possible for a lot of the families to get a home. The sum to be paid back later.

I gave you a picture of things last year about this time, well, things started just about the same, the old feasts are just about started but I just have to be busy and pray about it.

Half of the Elders are out of town smoking fish and putting up winters grub, now some of them will be out fishing for at least 10 days. I am sure that we will do what we can towards raising money for our program as the Board had asked, yet one must understand that the people of Hoonah has the greatest burden of all the communities in Alaska, there are furnitures to be gotten for the new homes, why I nearly keeled over when Katie went to the store to buy window curtains, believe it or not they were \$5.50 a pair for the cheapest and we had to have eight pairs. However, I will bring the matter of the \$300 pastor's salary and something towards paying on the church building. I know if they are able to help they will do so. Our people will have to learn to love the Lord it will be only when they do so that they will be willing to give.

Governor Greuning, was over here Sunday morning to turn the town of Hoonah, back to the Hoonah people, it was sure a great ceremony, the Governor gave a great talk, he told the people that, "people are helped so that they could help themselves after being helped, people that do not look for help from others are the people that goes ahead in life". I may not have quoted correctly but that was the meaning of his talk.

I am glad that the bell is on the way, hard telling when it gets here, as it is getting so hard to get things here now owing to the tie up of boats.

The stores are short of everything owing to the stricken, and groceries are sure going up, eggs is now 1.00 a doz if it could be gotten but, there is none to be gotten, sugar and flour is hard to get.

*ACK Bay*

I am running into Juneau, Monday, Oct. 14 and get Willis R. and we both will go hunting for ~~any~~ or two or till we get some meat, which I know won't be long as the deer will be coming closer to the beach, there is just no meat to be gotten.

Sincerely yours

*George R. Betts*



OCT 14 1946

Hoonah, Alaska  
Oct., 11, 1946

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman D.D.  
Unite of Alaska Work  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I just about forgot the \$10 that the Rev. Bromley sended me to go for the Communion table of our church. I told you in my letter early this month that I was going to mail the money in my next letter, inclosed is a money order for the \$10.

I wish you could tell me more about the lots in our plot, men come to me applying for lots just about every day, but I do not know anything about the lots.

Mr. William Johnson, builded a house on one of the lots, Mr. Johnson came in the other day and wanted a deed for his lot, I told him that I would find out from you as to how to go about getting a deed. Mr. Kendell Williams, was into the study just about an hour ago and wanted a deed for his lot. So I would like to know what to do about such things.

The new lights of our church are now put in, I am doing some plumbing in the wash rooms I got one wash room all piped and ready to use.

Just as soon as we get word from The Rev Willis R. Booth, the members will start to put the sheet rock on the ceiling of the basement also the walls. Mr. Booth told me in Juneau that he will have Paul Proudly, come out and see what fittings we need so that he could get the fittings.

The town has asked the people that were staying in the huts to move the huts. Some of the huts are now being moved. I have asked the members of the Council to have the hut stay, I mean the hut that we lived in. We could have it used to store things. If it is alright with you it will stay if not I will take it apart and turn it back to the town. However, the Concil approved of giving the hut to us for a store house, so let me know if it is agreeable with you.

Sincerely yours

George R. Betts

→ J. Hoonah Bldg Coect -  
SOB-SIC ch/B for table  
Communion

October 25, 1946

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Hoonah  
Alaska

Dear George:

We are delighted to know that you have been able to get into your new house, and we shall try to work out things for you as quickly as possible. Mr. Booth has paid \$500 down on the house. We shall need action from the Board at the meeting in late November before we can clear with the final matter. We shall hope that the Board will make the money available to complete the purchase of the house for cash.

Some time ago we had made up a statement concerning the houses that were built on lots in that old property in Hoonah. We sent a copy of this to Harry Douglas, the mayor, and also a copy to you. We asked Harry Douglas to investigate all this and send us a report. We shall be glad to cooperate with your people in getting all of the deeds cleared. We shall look this up later and try to send you another copy.

We would be glad to have the huts stay on our property as a storage room and are raising the question whether it might not look bad when all the rest of the huts have been cleared away from that vicinity. It may not look good but you may need a storage space on the property until we can have the house on it.

Some time ago we wrote you asking what kind of shipping conditions you would have for folding chairs. One of the companies tells us now that they can get folding chairs, but they want to know whether they should be packed for export, or whether regular packing will be sufficient. Tell us how to pack them and what lines stop at Hoonah for the best shipping when the ships begin to go again.

The bell is supposed to be on the way some time but, of course, you will not get it until the boats begin to come again.

Sorry you were not able to go to the Workers Conference in Sitka. They had a good conference although a small group of people.

You do need to get that drain taken care of at the back door. Now knowing that the contractors had left the job, I wrote to Willis Booth authorizing him to have them build a shed, roof and walls over the back entrance. The letter which has just come in from him indicates that he has authorized you to do this. I would suggest that you get a good carpenter if you aren't one yourself. Get some of the same kind of lumber which we used on the building and build something at the back over the steps which is respectable and which



October 25, 1946

will add to the appearance of the back part of the church building. Perhaps also it ought to have a door on it to keep out snow and rain.

Sorry to hear that you have had such a bad summer in fishing. Things do not seem to get any better as the summers go along.

We did receive the \$50 refund on your salary. Thank you for being so honest and conscientious with us. We wish we had many more like you.

We have not yet been able to get the Communion table and pulpit chairs. I hope to be in the office long enough to finish up on this so you will have them in the near future.

We are deducting \$18.51 for the materials which you ordered, \$10 will come out of one month's salary and \$8.51 out of the following month's salary.

We are glad to know that the people of Hoonah are coming back to get settled in their new community. We hope that you will be on the alert to meet all of these people and welcome them to the Presbyterian Church. Perhaps now you can meet all of your congregation and get a new record of the church made out which will be accurate.

Let us know what your people can do about their part of your salary and raising some more money toward paying for the church building. We recognize the fact that they will have furniture to buy and many other things, but we feel that some contribution from them would be good. Let us know the result on this because we want to protect you on the salary arrangement.

Glad to know you have the new lights in. We hope soon you will get all of the equipment settled ready for full service to your congregation and community.

We have received the \$10 Mr. Bromley gave you for the Communion table. I told him last spring that we were going to get the Communion table in his memory or honor.

We all appreciate the fine work which Mr. Booth has done in helping get a house for us in connection with our church. We hope it will be satisfactory for every one.

Did you get a deer? We hope you have been able to secure enough meat for your family and for the Booths. As you send in your reports, tell us all about your work. We are thinking of you and praying that you will have a great ministry in Hoonah this winter.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ/bz



November 7, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George H. Betts  
Moonah, Alaska

Dear George:

Recently Mr. Booth has written to us about the drowning of the McKinley baby on the beach last April. I arrived in Moonah the day after this happened and was present for the funeral and dinner in your home with the parents. It was not made clear to me at the time that this occurred on the beach at the edge of our property where the Territorial Construction Company left a bad condition following their excavation of the gravel for the building of the homes in the village. Mr. Booth has pointed out that the Company has some responsibility of leveling off the beach at that place.

We have written to the Alaska Construction Company at Seattle pointing out their promise to leave the beach in good condition and their failure to fulfill that promise. This probably is an oversight on their part and yet they have gone now from the village so we are wondering how they would arrange to take care of it.

We have been discussing this matter here at the office. We cannot do anything now to bring back the McKinley girl but of course we would not want such a thing to happen again. Without waiting for the Alaska Construction Company to act, we are wondering if it is possible to have the beach smoothed off and how much of a job it would be. If it isn't too big a job may we ask you to get someone to help you and take care of it? Send us a bill for the labor involved and we will pay it. We feel the Company is responsible but certainly we do not want anything else to happen at the edge of our property.

Please look into this as quickly as possible and let us know.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

CC: The Rev. Willis H. Booth  
Mr. Lucien E. Tribus



money for furniture

DEC 23 1946

Hoonah, Alaska  
Dec. 18, 1946

Alaska City

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.  
Unite of Alaska Work  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

It has been a long time since I wrote but, have been so busy, last Fall I wrote and told you the condition of our people out here as to their way of doing things, it seem worse this year, when all our people came back from the fishing grounds, the old feasts started and did not stop for anything, Sundays and all, it sure made me mad at times, but that is bad and does not do any good, after all its less then a hundard years since our white friends came with the new way of living and the Gospel, so there is a lot to do, we Native workers up here will just have to get down on our knees and take off our coats and get busy, I remembered you say, while at the Salvation Army meeting that the reason some of the persons does not stand frim is because they are not converted, I know now that is the truth, we just have to show them or prove to them that the real Christ is the only way of LIFE, so you see I have a lot to do here and with the help of God I will carry on, our nativ people needs Christ.

The members of my clan are trying to build a house on the lot that has been deeded to someone, but I am putting up a protest against them doing so. I saw the Mayor the other day, and he promised to help me, and you just can have an idea what I am going through, I mean the lot that has been given by our Board.

Just about every clan is trying to replace their old dancing blankets and hats and you can be sure that this takes hundards of dollars, mother sister and all are taking part in this. I think you should know all this as we are working here and should know what we are facing, all this has been going on for years, this is going on all over Alaska now.

I have been trying to call a Session ~~meeting~~ for a long time so we could fill out our Application Aid but I just can't get quorum, I am calling a Session meeting Sunday evening.

Our Native people have not been taught about our Church and how it runs I am trying to teach them how our Church is run, I use our Alaska Native Brother Hood organization as an illustration, I am telling our people that we as members of the A.N.B. have to pay dues and part of our dues goes to our Grand Camp and with the money we send into our Grand Camp our organization is run. Our Church is an organization also and we as members of our church are to keep up our church with our own money and also send money to our Boar, which is our Grand Campas it is now and has been since our Native churches has been organized outside churches has been helping us through our Boards and that is why we have our Churches but it is time now that we should begin to carry on a part of our own burdens, I think by teaching our people they will learn but first they should be taught to love the Lord, then they will be willing to give



SIC Hoonah Alaska  
RE MR 2.

It has been very cold for about three weeks, our heating plant had to brake down just when it got cold, I was not able to have any services in ou Church durring the cold weather, it broke down just before Thanks-giveing Day. I had planned a good program for Thaks Giving Day, we had planned to take up an offering on that Day so we can send it on to pay towards our Church, but our heating plant had to go back on us, however, inclosed is ~~twenty dollars~~ offering of Thanksgiving Sunday, it is to go towards the \$4,000 that we are to give towards our Church, it is a small start but some day we will give more.

I am glad that you got the chairs the best way to ship the chairs is to have the chairs pack good and have it send Via Alaska Transpotation Co., Pier 58 Seattle for first direct Sailing to Hoonah Alaska for discharge at Ganty Dock.

Yes, there is a big hole outside of our Church, that the little girl got drown in, if we have to fill it up it will take a big crew maybe a month to fill in the hole and then there is no place where we could get the sand to fill in unless we get a scow and tow gravel in and it will take a lot of scow loads.

Oh, Yes the Juneau Plumbing Shop send out a man and had our heating plant fixed, so we can go right on how and carry out our program.

We are getting along fine in our new Manse, it sure got pretty cold and I think we were lucky to move inst the right time

We have started to get our basement fixed up now Mr. Robert Grant, is putting in the sheet rock and I am sure we will have the basement all fixed up before New Years, Just as soon as the weather is right we will have the shed fixed over the stairway, it sure gets full of snow, I will have to hire some one to do it for we want a good job done on it

As the plane is now coming in I will have to close, for the planes were grounded for over aweek and its hard telling when we get in another plane.

sincerely yours

George R. Butts



